

# S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



*"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6*

## The Lifeline of Prayer

Prayer to the spiritual life is what breath is to the physical body. Without air you will suffocate and die physically. Without prayer, your spiritual life will cease to exist. Three times in Matthew 6, Jesus speaks of the discipline of prayer. In each of these He says, 'when you pray'. He does not say 'if' but 'when,' indicating to us that prayer is a discipline in which we are expected to participate daily.

We have what is known as 'The Lord's Prayer' in Matthew 6:9-14. While it is perfectly fine to memorize and repeat this prayer, Jesus really meant for it to be a pattern for prayer. If you follow the pattern, it helps you to know how to pray and what to pray for. **"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."** Begin your prayer with praise to God for who He is and what He has done. **"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."** Next, submit your will to God's will and ask God to help you be what He wants you to be. **"Give us this day our daily bread."** Now it's time to pray for your personal needs and for other's needs. **"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."** Asking for forgiveness and giving forgiveness is always right in prayer. **"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:"** Pray for direction for your future life. **"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."** Just as you began your prayer with praise, it is always good to end it with praise.

Prayer is when you talk to God as you would a friend. God listens when His child prays and He answers your prayer.

**Family Prayer:** Dear Jesus, I am so grateful for the privilege to talk to the Creator of the Universe. To think You care that much for me! Like your disciples I want to learn to pray the way You want me to. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Includes  
Family  
Activities

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Prayer is our line to God just as telephones connect us to others around us. Let's make telephones to see just how it works. You'll need 2 paper cups, a sharp object to poke holes in the bottom of each cup, and about 6 feet of string. Thread the string into the bottoms of the cup and tie a knot at each end so it will not come through. Hold the cups to your ears, stretching the string tight and practice Jeremiah 33:3. Discuss how God wants us to 'call on Him'.

### Let's talk

Has God ever answered a prayer for anyone in your family? Discuss how these answered prayers affected your family. Then discuss any other needs that each family member may want the family to help them pray about.

We must P.U.S.H. forward in prayer, or Pray Until Something Happens! This week, take the time each day for fervent focused prayer. Whether it be for friends, family, home or foreign missionaries, pray for a mighty Revival around the world.



## **Additional Challenges**

*Are you willing to **PUSH** beyond the norm?  
**Pray Until Something Happens?**  
Ordinary prayer = Ordinary results  
Extraordinary prayer = Extraordinary results*

### **Praise**

Recognize God's nature (Ps. 63:3)

### **Waiting**

Silent soul surrender (Ps. 46:10)

### **Confession**

Temple cleansing time (Ps. 139:23)

### **Scripture Praying**

Word-enriched prayer (Jer. 23:29)

### **Watching**

Develop Holy alertness (Col. 4:2)

### **Intercession**

Remember the world (1 Tim. 2:1-2)

### **Petition**

Share personal needs (Matt. 7:7)

### **Thanksgiving**

Profess my blessings (1 Thess. 5:18)

### **Singing**

Worship in song (Ps. 100:2)

### **Meditation**

Ponder spiritual themes (Josh. 1:8)

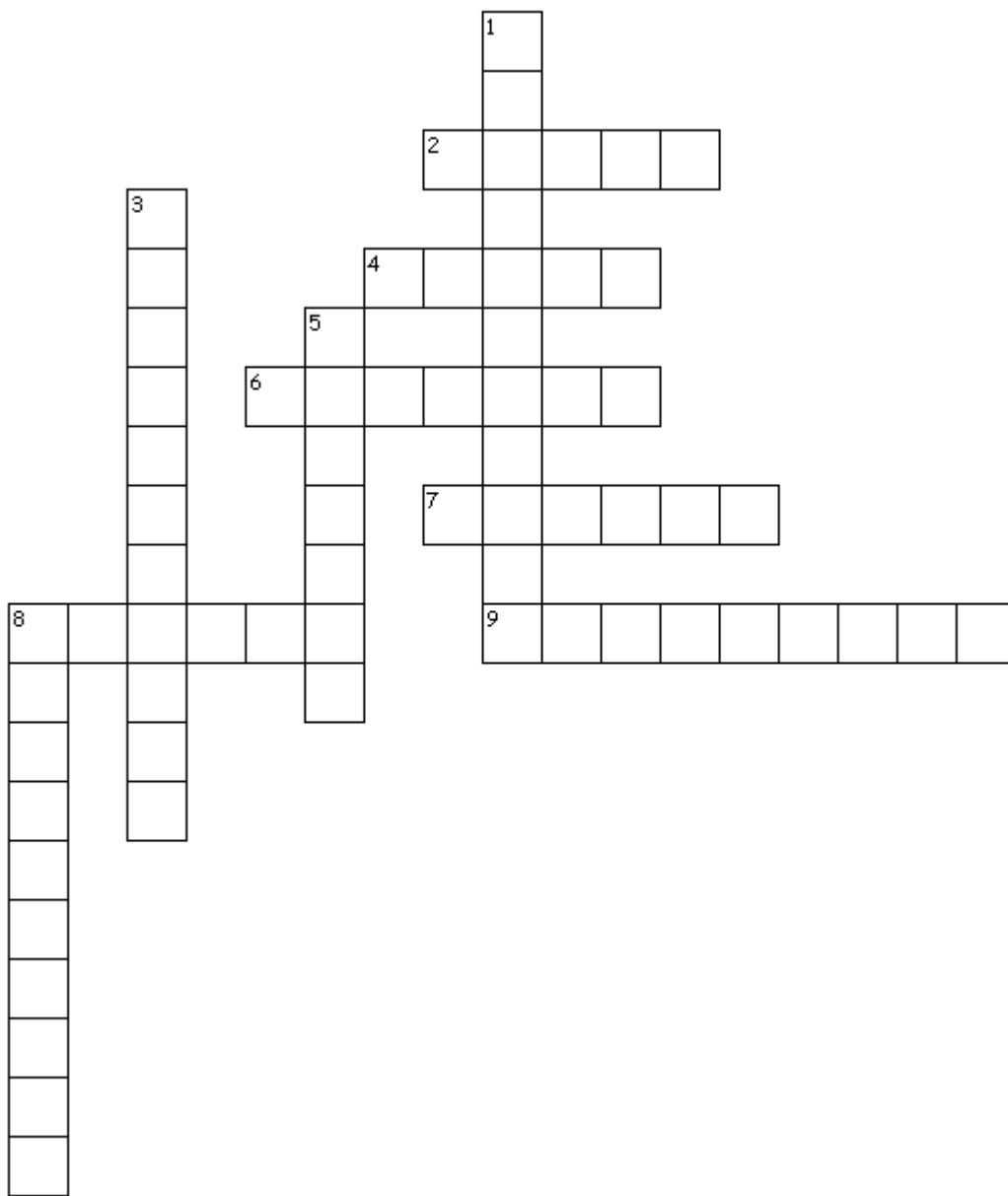
### **Listening**

Receive spiritual instruction (Ecc. 5:2)

### **Praise**

Recognize God's nature (Ps. 52:9)

## Puzzle Page



### Across

2. "Give us this day our daily \_\_\_\_ "
4. We are expected to pray \_\_\_\_
6. The Lord's Prayer is a \_\_\_\_ for prayer
7. "Our Father who art in \_\_\_\_ "
8. We should begin and end our prayers with \_\_\_\_
9. Without prayer your \_\_\_\_ life will cease to exist

### Down

1. We should always ask for \_\_\_\_ in our prayers
3. Found in Matthew 6:9-14
5. In \_\_\_\_ 6 Jesus talks about the discipline of prayer
8. Without air you suffocate and die \_\_\_\_



God Hears and Answers Prayer